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TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJ: ALVARO CUNHAL ON "LOCKED GATE" AND POSSIBILITY OF CIVIL WAR

1. SECRETARY GENERAL OF PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP)  
ALVARO CUNHAL GRANTED INTERVIEW TO BRAZILIAN MAGAZINE "VEJA"  
IN WHICH HE STATED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING EXTRAORDINARY ABOUT  
NATO "LOCKED GATE" EXERCISE SINCE PORTUGAL IS MEMBR OF NATO.  
CUNHAL WENT ON TO STATE THAT TIMING OF EXERCISE POORLY CHOSEN,  
BUT IT NOT NECESSARY TO "DRAMATIZE" THAT FACT.

2. REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF CIVIL WAR IN PORTUGAL, CUNHAL  
STATED THAT CIVIL WAR NOT LIKELY, BUT THAT IT COULD ARISE IF  
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"COUNTE-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES" MADE ARMED COUP ATTEMPT.

3. COMMENT: IT APPARENT THAT CUNHAL IS MAKING ATTEMPT IN  
"VEJA" INTERVIEW TO COOL ALARMIST RUMORS CONNECTED WITH RECENT  
ISSUES SUCH AS "LOCKED GATE" AND DRAFT LABOR LAW, ESPECIALLY  
REGARDING PCP ATTEMPTS TO TAKE OVER GOVT.  
STATEMENTS MADE IN "VEJA" SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS STATEMENTS MADE  
BY CUNHAL ON THESE TOPICS.  
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